

Important Dates

4 November

Onshore Sculpture
Art Exhibition

7 November

Modular
Conferences –
3:30pm – 8pm

10 November

Councillor Fun Day

15 November

Athletics Day

22 November

CZ Athletics Day

24 November

TEACHER ONLY
DAY – No School

13 December

SCHOOL
PRIZEGIVING
1:20pm - 3.05pm

14 December

Graduation
Evening Year 8
6:00pm – 8.30pm

15 December

Last Day
Year 7's only
8.30am – midday

Principal's Message

In Term 4 we are continuing to keep our young people busy, engaged and focussed on their learning. In PE classes they are training hard for the upcoming Athletics Day, which is held at Mt Smart Stadium. In English, the Year 7's are working on persuasive writing with a unit of work – 'The Power of Words' and the Year 8's have the unit 'How Does Poetry Enrich our Lives'? The Maths team have covered Number, Measurement, Algebra and Geometry. They are now teaching all the topics together - giving students that end of year boost.

Last week I enjoyed watching the interclass lunchtime sport Netball finals. Well done Room 6 (Year 8 winners) and Room 9 (Year 7 winners). The new Lunchtime sport competition is old school, 'Tug-o-War', running in a full round robin format.

I know as parents we often say to the children, when they get home ...“How was your day”? I have been encouraging the students that the answer “good” does not sum up a day living the 'Ponsonby Experience'... and I'll keep persisting with this encouragement!

Ngā mihi

Nick Wilson

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Sports Update

Swimming / Surf Life Saving

Year 7 student Madison Dettling is currently training hard to qualify for the New Zealand Short Course Swimming Championships next August. Aside from her passion for competitive swimming, Madi has also been competing in the New Zealand Life Saving Pool Championships winning a Silver and three Bronze medals. During the September school holidays Madison took part in the Surf Northern Region Long Distance event - 5 km beach run, 500m ocean swim and 1500m board paddle representing the Orewa Club. Madison placed 8th out of 8, but being one of the youngest competitors (U/13) to enter it was an awesome experience and achievement to complete the course.



Athletics Day

When: Wednesday 15th November

Where: Mt Smart Stadium

Students, please remember:

- Full PE uniform
- Covered shoes
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Warm clothing
- Water bottle and a packed lunch – Bring a healthy one!

Students are allowed to wear spikes for 100m, 200m, 400m

We will be travelling to the event on buses at 9.00am and returning by 3.00pm. There is a full timetable of the track and field events at the end of this newsletter.

Please note: The 800m race is will be run separately before the day.

More information to come.

Central Zone Day is Wednesday 22nd November at Mt Smart Athletics Track

Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences are run every term at Ponsonby Intermediate. Core subjects (English and Mathematics) hold conferences twice a year in Term 1 and Term 3.

Modular Conferences happen every term (as students are involved in two different modular subjects each term).

Online Conference Booking

Bookings can be made at <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> using the school code.

Please include your child's room number.

Modular Conferences



Tuesday 7th November 3:30pm – 8:00pm (MODULE code: 3av8q)

Below are the list of teachers and the classes they teach to make booking easier.

Thanks,

Cobey Bennett

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Module Teachers:

Design Technologies: Lorna Cooney

Teaching Rooms 15, 17, 18, 25, 30

Art: Sarah Valintine

Teaching Rooms 15, 17, 18, 30

Art: Racheal Wilson

Teaching Room 25

Performing Arts: Christine Cullen

Teaching Rooms: 1, 6, 16, 23, 26

Music: Paul Curtis

Teaching Rooms: 1, 6, 16, 23, 26

Health & P.E: Sam Jardine

P.E & Health - Teaching Rooms - 1, 3, 6, 11, 14, 17, 23, 28

P.E - Teaching Rooms - 12, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22

Health & P.E: Michelle Murray

PE & Health - Teaching Rooms 8, 9,, 20, 25, 26, 30

Health - Teaching Rooms 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22

Home Economics: Kelly Richardson

Teaching Rooms: 3, 14, 20, 22, 28

Science: Sione Taupeaafe

Teaching Rooms: 3, 14, 20, 22, 28

Science: Jaimi Athy-Timmins

Teaching Rooms: 8, 9, 11, 12, 21

Exploring Technology: Andy Wilson

Teaching Rooms: 8, 9, 11, 12, 21

Social Sciences: Sarah Howie

Teaching Rooms: 1, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 16, 21, 22, 25

Learning Languages: Holly Francis

Teaching Rooms: 8, 11, 14, 17, 18, 20, 23, 26, 28, 30

Yearbook Photos – ‘The Ponsonby Experience’

Yearbook team photos will take place in Week 5/6 during form times.

Below is the timetable for team photos, please ensure your child comes to school in **full school uniform**.

Due to the number of photos being taken they are unable to be rescheduled.

Thanks

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Wednesday 8 November	Thursday 9 November	Friday 10 November	Monday 13 November	Tuesday 14 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Rugby under 55 •Boys Netball •Boys volleyball •Boys soccer teams •Boys softball •Boys Tennis •Boys Table Tennis •Cross Country Y7 Y8 •Primary Zone Netball Umpires •Primary Zone Football Umpires •Swim League Team •Boys Rugby League 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Girls Netball and summer •Girls Volleyball •Girls soccer •Girls softball •Rock Bands (with instruments) •Concert Band (with instruments) •Enrichment Band •Cross Country Y7 Girls •Cross Country Y8 Girls •BOOST •Girls Rugby League 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Councillors •Talent quest finalists. •Cultural Leaders •Positively Ponsonby •Eco Warriors •Squash •Sports Leaders •Yearbook team •Futsal •Squash •Touch Rugby (Girls & Boys) •Production •Librarians •Kapa Haka •Roadshow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tennis •Table tennis •Badminton •Mixed Touch Rugby •Orienteering •Debating •Tech Experts •All basketball teams (zone and Monday night) •Art Exhibition - in exhibition and winners •Volleyball (boys) •Y7 Boys Softball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Waterpolo •All hockey teams •Speech Finalists •Chess •Mathex •Otago Math Final Challenge •AV Monitors •Ski and snowboard team •Kids' Lit Quiz •Pasifika Group

End of Year Prizegiving

This special event will take place on Wednesday 13th December in the Ponsonby Intermediate Hall at 1:20pm. There will be parking on the field and allocated seating for family and friends. Your child will be notified on Monday 4th December if they are receiving a prize. They will bring a letter home on that day with the necessary information. We encourage you to come along to celebrate your child's success with us, however, please consider that the Ponsonby Intermediate Hall has a limited amount of space so please carefully consider the number of family members.

Not all students will receive a prize, but we would remind all parents and caregivers that throughout the year we recognise and celebrate students' success during our weekly school assemblies and on other occasions.

Year 8 Graduation

We will be celebrating the Year 8 students' two year 'Ponsonby Experience' on Thursday 14th December with a special Graduation Ceremony. A letter outlining this event will be sent home later in the term.

This letter will provide specific information about the event and what your child will need to bring on the night. It is a formal evening so we encourage the Year 8 students to dress smartly. The event starts at 6.00pm and there will be allocated seating for all parents and family members. However, please consider that the Ponsonby Intermediate Hall has a limited amount of space so please carefully consider the number of family members. There will also be parking on the field.

We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate the amazing two years your child has had at Ponsonby Intermediate.

NZ Sculpture Onshore 2023

Congratulations to the following students whose sculptural work 'The Flight of the Kapokapowai' will be exhibited at the upcoming NZ Sculpture Onshore: Augustin Piaux, Will Riley, Peter Ovsiiiko, Coco McKay, Pearl Coulter, Freddie Porter, Arabella Douglas, Beatrix Richardson, Saffron Spiller, Amy Moore, Millie Stewart, Leinasei Bunyan, Jacinta Lewis, Indie Pellett, Matilda Templeman, Sofia Peacock, Ruby Kells Burgess.

The NZ Sculpture Onshore takes place over 4-19th November and will showcase over 100 professional sculptors. There is also a section in one of the famous bunkers celebrating student sculptures from around Auckland. For tickets please go to this link; [Buy Tickets – NZ Sculpture OnShore](#) and use the code **PONS** to get at 25% discount.



Teacher Only Day

The Ministry of Education directed Teacher Only Day is on **Friday 24th November**. The school will be closed for instruction. Should children need supervision here at school please contact – office@ponsint.school.nz

Year 8 Transitions to High School

Transitions to high school began early this term. There are a number of Year 8's enrolled in their high school. Please make this a priority so that we can set your child up for success in this exciting move. It is particularly important that you enrol, if you are In Zone so they know to expect you and your child can be placed in classes accordingly. If you need help or support with this please contact katief@ponsint.school.nz

Homework Club – Term 4

On Wednesdays, after school from 3:15pm – 4pm we have a homework club. Students are welcome to come to The Hub (located in the library) to work on their homework. This is staffed by a teacher to help assist students where possible. Parental permission is required before students can attend. Students can collect a permission slip from Miss Bennett or from the office.

Absences and Lateness (Reminder notice)

If your child is absent or going to be late to school, please call and leave a message on the school absence line (09) 376 0096 Extn 1, or complete an absence report from the School Website or School App. If you know in advance your child will be away, please email the office and copy in your child's Form Teacher.

If your child is late, they must provide a note from a parent/caregiver providing an explanation. This needs to be written in their Student Planner.

For student safety if the school is not notified of your child's absence you will receive a text message. Following Ministry of Education guidelines if the school is not advised of a student's absence they will be marked as truant.

Athletics Day Timetable 2023

Track Events

9:45am	BOYS/GIRLS	1500m	Boys – Year 7
		1500m	Boys – Year 8
		1500m	Girls – Year 7
		1500m	Girls – Year 8
10:00 – 11:45am	GIRLS	100m	Heats
		200m	Heats
		400m	Straight Final (Top 3 times)
12:00 – 1:45pm	BOYS	100m	Heats
		200m	Heats
		400m	Straight Final (Top 3 times)

Field Events

EVENT	BOYS				GIRLS			
	10:00	10:25	10:50	11:15	12:15	12:40	12:05	1:30
High Jump	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara
Long Jump	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri
Discus	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu
Shot Put	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri

Finals

1:45pm	BOYS and GIRLS	100m
2:00pm	BOYS and GIRLS	200m
2:15pm	YEAR 7 and YEAR 8	Class Relay


- Class relay runners have been selected during P.E. Class trainings. There will only be one race for Year 7 and one for Year 8.
- Year 7 100m heats will be run on the back straight (in order to speed up the day).
- The 800m is raced on the day before at school as it allows students to enter more track events.



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Growth Through Learning
We are open to change, treating each challenge as an opportunity to learn. As life long learners we strive to be the best we can be.

Expressing Ourselves
We explore and share our thoughts, talents, feelings and beliefs because these make us who we are. We get the most out of life when we are true to ourselves.

Making Connections
As members of a class, a school and a community, we are part of a whole. We come together from many different cultures to learn from each other.

Showing Respect for Other People
Because we have confidence in who we are, we are able to appreciate and let others be themselves. We care and support each other inside and outside the classroom.

Our Values are GEMS